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OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

IN CHARGE OF

MARY E. THORNTON



[We must ask contributors to this department to make their reports as concise as possible, omitting all mention of regular routine business, and stating such facts as are of special interest to absent members or to the profession at large. The JOURNAL has already increased its regular reading pages from sixty-four to eighty, and it must keep within these limits for at least the remainder of the present year. In order to do this all of the departments are being condensed to make room for our constantly increasing items of interest.—ED.]

NEW JERSEY BILL TO LICENSE NURSES

Introduced January 26, 1903. Signed by the Governor April 7, 1903

AN ACT TO LICENSE GRADUATE NURSES IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Any graduate nurse desiring to practise the profession of a trained nurse must first obtain a license from the Clerk of the county in which such applicant resides, and the Clerk thereof is hereby authorized to issue such license, provided said applicant shall present to him a diploma awarded by a training-school connected with a hospital of this State where at least two-years' practical and theoretical training is required before its students are graduated as trained nurses; if the said diploma does not show the term required by the training-school awarding the same, then the applicant must file with the County Clerk an affidavit made by the secretary of said training-school, or the president of the faculty thereof, setting forth the term of practical and theoretical training required by said training-school of its students before they are graduated as trained nurses.

2. Any person heretofore awarded a diploma of a graduate nurse by training-schools of this State other than those mentioned in the preceding section may apply to the Clerk of the county in which such applicant resides for the license provided by this act, and such clerk is hereby authorized to issue same if the person making such application was awarded such diploma upon the completion of at least two-years' practical and theoretical training in nursing.

3. Any graduate nurse holding a diploma of a trained nurse awarded by a training-school of another State may obtain a license to practise such profession in this State provided the training-school awarding such diploma shall require the same qualifications of its graduate nurses as are provided for applicants of this State; if the diploma of said non-resident applicant does not show the course of training required by the training-school awarding the same, then the applicant shall file an affidavit of the secretary of the hospital connected with said training-school or the president thereof, setting forth the requirements of said training-school before diplomas are awarded to its students; graduate nurses residing out of the State and seeking the license herein provided may

apply to the Clerk of any county in this State upon being identified by a resident thereof.

5. The said license shall be in form as follows:

"STATE OF NEW JERSEY, } ss.
County of

"To whom it may concern, greeting:

"This is to certify that.....(giving place of residence) is authorized to practise the profession of a graduate nurse in the State of New Jersey in accordance with the laws thereof.

"In witness whereof I have hereto attached my name and official seal this..... day of....., Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and.....

[SEAL]

"Clerk of the County....."

6. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall for every offence forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars, to be used for and recovered by the Prosecutor of the Pleas for the use of the county in which such offence is committed. Provided, however, that this act shall not apply to graduate nurses, residents of a foreign State, who shall have at least two-years' practical and theoretical training, or have graduated from a training-school connected with a public hospital, who shall visit this State as a companion or nurse for a non-resident of this State sojourning within the State, or who shall be called in a case by any resident physician of this State. Provided, also, that nothing in this act shall be held or construed as preventing or in any way interfering with any person or persons practising the profession or business of nurses or nursing without obtaining a license for that purpose if they do not advertise or hold themselves out as a graduate nurse.

THE ILLINOIS BILL

WE have been for the past three months laboring assiduously for the passage of our bill in the Legislature. We are now able to report that the bill has passed the Senate and is up for third reading in the House.

We understand the Governor is in favor of the bill, and we therefore believe that the consummation of all our efforts will be success.

The bill met with no opposition in the Senate, and readily passed the three readings and was referred to the House. Here things began to be more exciting, and we found a strong opponent in the person of the president of a college for nurses where the hospital training was three months in a hospital and where the whole prescribed course of training seemed most inadequate. A delegation consisting of Miss McIsaac, Illinois Training-School; Miss Dawson, Chicago Homeopathic; Miss Fulmer, Visiting Nurses' Association, Chicago; Miss Ahrens, Champaign, Ill.; Miss Wheeler, Blessing Hospital, Quincy, Ill.; Miss McLennan, Vermilion County Hospital, Danville, Ill.; Mrs. Hutchinson, president of Illinois State Association, and Mrs. Tice, corresponding secretary of the Illinois State Association, went to Springfield and spent two days lobbying. We were received in a most cordial manner, and the Representatives from both sides of the House grasped the situation and seemed to understand the necessity for such a bill, and all whom we interviewed promised to vote for the bill. Dr. George W. Webster, president, and Dr. Egan, secretary of the State Board of Health, were present and in every way helped us. Dr. Webster most kindly arranged for a

meeting on our first evening in Springfield with Speaker Miller, of the House, who promised to help us. A week after our return to Chicago we found the bill had not moved along, so Misses Cleary and Sherlock, from Mercy Hospital, Chicago, went down and spent two days at Springfield trying to awaken more interest and have the bill referred to a committee. The week after their return the Licensing Committee, to which the bill had been referred, appointed a day when our bill was to be for trial, and we were notified to have some of the profession there to speak for the bill. Again Misses McIsaac, Miss Shancey, Miss Fulmer, Miss Stewart, and Mrs. E. B. Hutchinson went to Springfield. We spent the early morning in the House, and especially with the members of the committee, urging their presence and help when the critical moment came. We would like to mention the names of several men who worked nobly for this bill, and we trust, if they ever should require the services of a nurse, that they may have a registered nurse, and that she may be worthy of her name. I cannot say enough of the women who have worked for this bill to become a law. The benefits to be derived will not come to them, but the love of their profession and of humanity is a never-failing inspiration. They ask no better recompense than to see their profession more honored.

At this point we wish especially to make mention of the indefatigable efforts of the Sisters of Mercy. If we succeed we shall owe much to their loyal aid.

We hope that much enthusiasm and earnestness may be aroused by the coming meeting to be held in Chicago during the second week in May.

ANNIE F. HUTCHINSON,

President Illinois State Association of Graduate Nurses.

[The Illinois Bill passed the Assembly April 17.—Ed.]

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE first annual meeting of the North Carolina State Nurses' Association will be held in Asheville, N. C., June 9, 1903. The first session begins at eight P.M. of the 9th. There will be two sessions on the 10th and one on the 11th.

All trained nurses in the State are invited to attend. Those wishing boarding accommodations should write Miss Batterham, 60 Hillside Street, Asheville, to engage rooms for them.

MARY WYCHE, President;

ANNA DE VANE, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

THE Sixth Annual Convention of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae will be held in Boston on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 10, 11, and 12. Circulars have been sent to the officers of each alumnae affiliated with the National asking that the number of delegates to which that alumnae is entitled and means to send be sent at once to the secretary of the National Association in order that arrangements may be made for a reduction in railway transportation.

A copy of the amended constitution as submitted by the Constitution Committee at the Fifth Annual Convention has been mailed to the officers of each society and will be sent to individuals upon application.

Information as to hotel accommodations, etc., together with the complete programme for the three days of the convention will appear in the June number of the JOURNAL.

MARY E. THORNTON, Secretary.

THE meeting of the Associated Alumnae in Boston, June 10, 11, 12, will be held at Potter Hall, New Century Club, 177 Huntington Avenue.

Hotels, with rates offered for those who attend the Convention:

	Single Rooms	Double Rooms
The Bellevue, Beacon Street.....	\$1.50 per day.	\$2.00 per day.
The Berkeley, Boylston Street.....	1.50 per day.	2.50 per day.
The Thorndike, Boylston Street.....	1.50 per day.	2.50 per day.
The Nottingham, Copley Square.....	1.00 per day.	2.00 per day.

The Nottingham, Copley Square, offers suites of three rooms, for six persons, including bath, at one dollar per day each.

Franklin Square House, Franklin Square, seventy-five cents per day.

Bureau of Information, Boston Nurses' Club, 755 Boylston Street.

PAULINE L. DOLLIVER, Chairman Committee of Arrangements,
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.

REDUCED RATES FOR THE WEST

NURSES in the West who are to attend the meeting of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae, to be held in Boston, June 10, 11, 12, should apply at once to Miss Harriet Fulmer, 1408 Unity Building, Chicago, Ill. In order to make satisfactory negotiations with the railroads it is necessary to know immediately the number of transportations desired.

LECTURE COURSE OF THE NEW YORK MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATED ALUMNÆ

THE thanks of the association are due the League for Political Education for the magnificent opportunities afforded it by that organization this past season for not only the splendid lectures given specially for the members of the Nurses' Association by Miss Adele Field and Mr. Robert Erskine Ely on "Our Country and the World," "The Making of Laws," "The Administration of Law," "The Interpretation of Law," "The Industrial Revolution," "Trusts," "Trades Unions," "The Ideal Society," and "History in the Making," to which the nurses of New York were given the entrée, but for the Saturday morning lectures, where they were privileged to hear Messrs. John Graham Brooks, Samuel Gompers, Poultney Bigelow, John A. Hobson, President Ide Wheeler, of the University of California, President Jacob Gould Schurman, Cornell University, and Dr. Carroll D. Wright, New York Commissioner of Labor, on "Women in Industry," and, too, for having been made welcome in the reading-room of the League. It has been a season to be remembered by the New York nurses.

REGULAR MEETINGS

MEMPHIS.—The Graduate Nurses' Association of Memphis, Tenn., held its seventh annual meeting for the election of new officers February 13, and other business was discussed. A vote of thanks was extended the retiring officers, who had so faithfully served during the past year. Officers for 1903 were elected as follows: President, Miss M. Rose Holmes; first vice-president, Miss Cora Weigal; second vice-president, Mrs. Anna G. Adkisson; secretary and treasurer, Miss Sarah F. Woodward, re-elected; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lena A. Warner. After all business was disposed of refreshments were served and the nurses enjoyed a social hour.

[By an error this report was held over.—Ed.]

DANBURY, CONN.—The first regular meeting of the year of the Graduate Nurses' Association of the Danbury Hospital was held at the office of Dr. Annie K. Bailey. The meeting was opened with prayer, followed by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, the roll-call, and reports of officers and committees. The special order of the day (as postponed from a previous meeting) was the presentation to the association by Dr. Bailey of a gavel made of the heartwood of red oak, which so fittingly and truthfully represents in type, symbol, and emblem that for which the association stands and that which lies at the very foundation of character and good government, viz.: obedience to highest laws and order. It was gracefully accepted in behalf of the association by Miss Mary Durnin. The next business in order was the delivering to the association of three handsome and valuable record books, which had been under careful preparation for some time. One volume contains the constitution and by-laws, a valuable code of parliamentary law compiled from seven different leading authorities for special use by the association, and other valuable matter for the association's use. The minute record contains a valuable history of the Training-School for Nurses from the time of its organization, April 3, 1894, to the organization of the graduate nurses, November 18, 1902. It contains the names of all physicians, the number of which is twenty-five, with their subjects, who have given instruction during that period, and the excellency of the course in the selection of practical subjects is a praiseworthy feature of the institution. The minute record also contains resolutions in behalf of the deceased members of the Board of Management in connection with the Training-School, which embodies the deep appreciation of the graduates of the many and lasting obligations they feel towards those who so generously befriended and who were in fullest sympathy with the aims and methods of the institution they represent. Also an appreciative tribute to the memory of a sister graduate who stood eminently high in her class examinations and who gave much promise of ability for her future work. These are followed by the roll-call for the annual meetings and the record of the minutes of the regular meetings. Book third is for the treasurer's use. In view of the uncertainty of a nurse's time, Dr. Bailey was elected to the office of special presiding officer, whose duties are to have a general charge over the interests of the association, combining the office of treasurer, the chairman and secretary to be nominated from the members present at each meeting. All of the ladies on the Board of Management in connection with the Training-School from its organization were elected honorary members, and the superintendents of the Training-School, Miss Julia Converse, Mrs. S. W. Cutler, also Dr. Annie K. Bailey, Dr. Sophia Penfield, Mrs. Anna G. Moody, and Miss Hattie E. Crocker.

BROOKLYN.—A special meeting of the Long Island College Hospital Alumnae was held on March 4, the president in the chair, when it was unanimously resolved to start a central registry for Long Island nurses. Since then a house has been taken for the purpose, furnishing accommodation for office, a club-room, and sleeping-apartments for a limited number of nurses. The registry is to be opened on the 1st proximo.

CHICAGO.—The regular March meeting of St. Luke's Alumnae Association was held Wednesday, March 18, at the hospital. A short business session was called sharply at three P.M., at which time Miss Louise M. Spohr and Miss Martha Smart were elected to active membership. Following the business meeting Dr.

Ralph P. Daniells gave an unusually clear and instructive talk on antitoxines, their origin, manufacture, and uses. Inasmuch as not more than a dozen nurses were able to be present, it being an unusually busy time with them, there was expressed the sincere wish that Dr. Daniells would be able to give the same most interesting lecture next year, that others might have the opportunity of hearing it.

ORANGE, N. J.—A regular meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Orange Training-School for Nurses was held on Wednesday, March 18, 1903, at three-thirty P.M., with the president, Miss G. Simonds, in the chair. A report of *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING* was read, and a discussion followed as to the advisability of taking a share of stock in that magazine. A copy of the amended constitution of the National Alumnae Association was then read and discussed. This was followed by the election of a delegate to the annual meeting of that association, to be held in Boston next June. Dr. F. C. Bunn had kindly promised to give a lecture on the X-ray, but owing to some sudden defect in his apparatus was obliged to postpone it to some future day. This was a great disappointment of the many members and their friends who had gathered to enjoy the lecture. The meeting was then adjourned and refreshments were served.

BOSTON.—The members of the New England Hospital Alumnae Association have formed a class for the study of parliamentary law. All arrangements have been completed for the graduate Nurses' Home and Club-House. The building is situated on the Columbus Avenue side of the hospital grounds and is the property of the hospital. It will be put in thorough repair and furnished with electric lighting. The House Committee expects to accommodate about fourteen or fifteen nurses with sleeping-rooms and hopes it will be ready for occupancy early in July.

BOSTON.—The regular monthly meeting of the Nurses' Alumnae Association of the Massachusetts General Hospital was held on Tuesday, March 31. Twenty-nine members were present and three new members were elected. We are glad to record our increase in membership and that new members are elected at each meeting. A letter from Miss J. E. Sangster, thanking the association for the alumnae pin, was read by the secretary. Miss Sangster writes: "It is most gratifying to know that the younger members of our profession think of us so kindly and give such grateful recognition of our services. We are more than repaid for our labors to know that our standards are not lowered; that those who follow in our footsteps are going forward in higher and better ways that will elevate the profession of nursing to the position it ought to and must eventually occupy in the world's estimation."

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—The concert which was given on the evening of March 28, under the auspices of the Nurses' Alumnae of the Rhode Island Hospital, called out society folk as well as music lovers. The hall was filled to the doors with a very appreciative audience, who listened to one of the most thoroughly delightful concerts given in the city this season, the participating artists being all well known and popular local singers. Mrs. C. L. Harris, through whose efforts the concert was arranged and carried to its successful issue, assumed the soprano role in the quartette selections, the other singers being Miss Sara Holmes, contralto;

Mr. George Freeman, tenor, and Mr. Gustave Laacke, bass. Other artists were Miss Avis Bliven and Miss Fannie Cliff Berry, pianists; Miss Evangeline Terry, violinist. The programme was an admirable one and was enthusiastically applauded. The concert was given for the sick benefit fund and was a success from every point of view.

PHILADELPHIA.—The regular monthly business meeting of the Philadelphia County Nurses' Association was held on Wednesday, April 8, 1903, at three P.M., at the New Century Club. In the absence of the president and the vice-presidents, Miss Rudden was appointed chairman upon motion. The minutes of the March meeting were approved as read. Then the following committees gave reports: Councillors, Publication, and Arrangement. The name of Miss Martha C. Lafferty was presented for membership. The Social Committee has arranged for a reception to be held on Tuesday, April 14, at 28 North Thirty-ninth Street, from three to five P.M. Thirteen members responded to the roll-call.

PHILADELPHIA.—The regular monthly meeting of the alumnae of the University of Pennsylvania Hospital was held Monday, April 6, 1903, at three P.M., in the Nurses' Home, with the president, Miss Rudden, in the chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted after correction. A motion was made and carried that the annual meeting in June be held as in previous years. After the business meeting an informal reception will be given to meet the graduating class of nurses. Twelve members responded to the roll-call.

CHICAGO.—A meeting of the Illinois State Association of Graduate Nurses was held on Monday, February 9, in Schiller Hall. The meeting was called to order at two-thirty P.M., the president in the chair. About ninety in all were present. Sixty-five new members were admitted. Professor Lewylls F. Barker, of the University of Chicago, gave to the association a most interesting lecture on "The Plague in India," illustrated by stereopticon. The meeting adjourned to meet May 12.

NEW YORK.—The Alumnae Association of the Lebanon Hospital Training-School held its annual meeting in the nurses' reception-room April 7 at eight P.M., and the following officers were unanimously elected: President, Emma Muth; vice-president, Mary Burns; secretary, Lydia F. Nicolai; Executive Committee—Miss Sarah Munsky, Miss Rosa Laffir, Miss Katherine Smyth.

BROOKLYN.—The regular monthly meeting of the Brooklyn Hospital Alumnae Association was held on Tuesday, April 7, and was very well attended. Three new names were added to the membership. It was decided to accept the offer made by the trustees of the hospital through the Woman's Auxiliary of the Brooklyn Hospital to establish a registry in the hospital to include all graduates in good standing from the school. The subject of raising an endowment fund for the purpose of making provision for the association's sick nurses was then discussed. It was voted unanimously that an effort be made to raise for that purpose five thousand dollars between this and April, 1904.

NEW YORK.—The regular monthly meeting of Camp Roosevelt, Spanish-American War Nurses, was held at the club-rooms, 155 East Eighty-third Street, New York City, on Monday, April 6. The membership was increased by seven new names, and several letters were received from others who hoped to be able to add theirs before the next meeting. A letter from Dr. McGee was read in which she calls the attention of the camp to her articles on "Parliamentary Law" which have been running in the *Trained Nurse*, and which are so practical and useful to all nurses. Dr. McGee also sent the camp two of her pamphlets on "Army Nursing," etc., etc. Owing to having a great deal of business on hand to attend to, it was proposed to postpone the reading of them until the May meeting. The designs for the camp pin were shown, approved of, and ordered by the members present. A letter of invitation was received from Miss Esser on behalf of Camp Liberty Bell inviting the members of Camp Roosevelt to attend the exercises of the graduating class of the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia, to be held in the Academy of Music there on May 20, at twelve o'clock noon. After all business had been attended to the camp was entertained by Miss Haltern in her usual hospitable way. The next meeting will take place at the club-rooms on the first Monday in May at three P.M., and is to be a "Reminiscence Afternoon," each member being requested to write a few lines, which will be read aloud, relating some anecdote or describing some experience while on duty during that never to be forgotten summer of 1898.

WASHINGTON.—At the March meeting of the Garfield Alumnae, held on the tenth, Dr. Ruffin gave a talk on "Fevers." At the April meeting Dr. Acker lectured on "Infant Feeding," after which a business meeting was held, Miss McWhorter in the chair. Through the efforts of Miss McWhorter and Miss Paxton the society has been granted the privilege of holding its meetings in one of the lecture-rooms of the Medical School of the Columbian University, and an interesting course of lectures has been given by physicians.

MARRIAGES

MISS FLORA BERNSTINE, a graduate of the Rochester Homœopathic Hospital Training-School in the Class of 1897, was married on February 18 to Mr. Menzo McNeil at Central Bridge, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. McNeil will live at Carlisle, N. Y.

ON Wednesday, December 24, 1902, at St. Stephen's Church, Toronto, Canada, Miss Amy Smith Miller, of the Class of 1891, St. Luke's Training-School, Chicago, was married to Mr. Alexander Downey. Mr. and Mrs. Downey have their residence at 147 Dunn Street, Toronto.

ON February 21, 1903, in St. Augustine, Fla., Miss Winifred M. Fehon, Class of 1893, Memorial Hospital, Orange, N. J., to Mr. Claude H. Stratton, of Sullivan, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Stratton will reside in Sullivan.

ON April 2, at Newbury, Mass., Miss Helen H. Ilsey, graduate of the Boston City Hospital, Class of 1894, to Mr. Sidney Laforest Richardson. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson will reside at West Acton, Mass.

IN Rochester, April 14, at St. Paul's Church, Miss Minnie Huff, graduate of the Rochester City Hospital School for Nurses, to Mr. George Hamilton Peirse.

OBITUARY

"It is with deep regret that we have to record at this meeting the death of Miss Janet McBride, one of the most estimable members of the Nurses' Alumnae Association of the Pennsylvania Hospital, and in respect to whose memory the following resolutions are herewith adopted:

"WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father having in His wisdom removed from our midst Miss Janet McBride, a much respected member of this alumnae, it is hereby

"*Resolved*, That in the death of Miss McBride this association has lost a valued and much esteemed member and the profession an ardent, competent, and conscientious worker. Such was her intercourse with the members of this association, that Miss McBride had gained the love and respect of all, and her loss will be keenly felt by those of us who were fortunate enough to have known her intimately; and it is hereby further

"*Resolved*, That these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of this association and that a copy of the same be sent to her relatives and to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING.

"S. H. FULLOM,

"C. McNINCH,

ALICE M. GARRETT."

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Miss Mary A. Webster on March 16, after a two-years' illness, borne bravely and cheerfully. Miss Webster was a member of the Alumnae Association of St. Luke's Hospital Training-School, Chicago, and a graduate of the Class of 1894.

"*Resolved*, That we, the members of St. Luke's Alumnae Association, extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family and recorded in the minutes of the association.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING for publication.

"M. E. JOHNSTONE,

"LUISA BARTLE,

"MURIEL MOBERLY,

"Committee."

MRS. LORENZ VAN ALLEN died February 8, 1903. At the first meeting of the Erie County Alumnae, Buffalo, subsequent to the death of Mrs. Van Allen, formerly Miss Mabel E. Dingle, Class of 1900, the members desired to express their sympathy in the following resolutions:

"WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His wise providence to remove from our midst one of our members who was loved and esteemed by all.

"*Resolved*, That while deploring her early death, we, her associates, wish to state our appreciation of her admirable qualities of mind and heart.

"*Resolved*, That we express our heartfelt sympathy to her husband and relatives, and that a copy of the above be published in THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING and recorded in the minutes of the society.

"ELLA MULLET,

"FLORA M. CULVER,

"JENNIE M. COX,

"Committee."

THE following resolutions upon the death of Miss Minerva Lowry, of the Class of 1899, Homœopathic Hospital, Rochester, N. Y., were adopted by the Monroe County Graduate Nurses' Association at the meeting of March 31:

"WHEREAS, It has pleased God to call from her labor a member of our association,

"*Resolved*, That in her death the association has lost a highly esteemed member and the nursing profession a faithful worker.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be extended with our deepest sympathy to her family, and that a copy be sent to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING and a record of same be made upon the minutes of the society.

"M. E. WOOD, Chairman of Resolutions Committee."

MISS ELIZABETH MACKIE died suddenly of cerebral hemorrhage on Wednesday, March 11, at her home in Brooklyn. She was a graduate of the Brooklyn Homœopathic Hospital Training-School and a member of its alumni. She was highly esteemed by physicians, patients, and friends, and in her death we lose a valued associate.

MARY H. COMBS, Secretary pro tem.

